Constitution of State Literacy Missions

3013. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued direction to all State Government to constitute State Literacy Mission authorities, to decentralise the literacy programme to enable the States to linalise the project at the State level; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the guidelines that have been issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMNET (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the salient features in the guidelines for setting up State Literacy Missions (SLMs) are:—

(i) The SLM will be a registered body with a proper constitution with Memorandum/Articles of Association and Rules/Regulations.

(ii) It will have a General Council and an Executive Committee.

(iii) It will have a Project Approval Committee for sanctioning projects.

(iv) The state Directorate of Adult Education will function as the Secretariat of SLM.

(v) The power to saction projects will be devolved to SLMs only after ascertaining the commitment of the State Governments at the highest level for literacy and education programmes and only when at least 50% of the sanctioned Total/Post Literacy districts have recorded satisfactory achievement.

Infrastructure for Cultivation of Oil Palm

3014. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans for infrasturcture development to enhance cultivation of Oil Palm in the country;

(b) whether there are proposals to develop nurseries and demonstration processing units;

(c) if so, whether such units will be located in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Oil Palm nurseries have been developed in the districts identified suitable for Oil Palm cultivation in Andhra Pradesh and a demonstration processing unit has been established in West Godavari disctrict of Andhra Pradesh.

(d) Does not arise.

Elementary Teacher Eduction Courses

3015. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Elementary Teacher Education Courses are being conducted by some Institutions in Delhi;

(b) if so, the names of such Institutes with elibilities, period of admission prescribed for each Institution;

(c) whether some criteria for selection of candidates in the course has been prescribed by each Institution;

(d) whether some pre-selection preparation is provided at official and non-official level; and

(e) if so, the detials thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?